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An uneasy peace had returned to the

Venezuelan opposition leader Juan Guaido on Tuesday made his strongest call yet to the military to help him oust President Nicolas Maduro, although there was little sign of defection from the armed forces leadership and isolated clashes fizzled out.

nation by Tuesday afternoon.

Several dozen armed troops accompanying Guaido clashed with soldiers supporting Maduro at a rally in Caracas early on Tuesday, while large anti-government protests in the streets turned vio-

But an uneasy peace had returned by Tuesday afternoon and there did not appear to be signs of an immediate attempt by the opposition to take power through military

Officials from President Donald Trump's administration said three top Maduro loyalists had apparently been in talks with the opposition and indicated they would support a peaceful transition of power.

They negotiated for a long time on the means of restoring democracy but it seems that today they are not going forward," said U.S. envoy for Venezuela Elliott Abrams, while U.S. national security adviser John Bolton said: "All agreed that Maduro had to go." Neither provided evidence.

They named the three Venezuelan Defense Minister Vladimir Padrino, Supreme Court chief judge Maikel Moreno and presidential guard commander Ivan Rafael Hernandez Dala.

Venezuela's U.N. Ambassador Samuel Moncada rejected Bolton's remarks as "propaganda."

Earlier on Tuesday, Padrino said in a broadcast, flanked by uniformed men, that the armed forces would continue to defend the constitution and "legitimate authorities" and that military

Venezuela's Guaido urges troops to unite against Maduro, violence erupts





bases were operating as normal. Moreno issued a call for calm on Twitter.

Guaido, in Twitter posts, wrote that he had begun the "final phase" of his campaign to topple Maduro, calling on Venezuelans and the armed forces to back him ahead of May Day mass street protests planned for Wednesday.

"The moment is now!" he wrote. "The future port. It might also encourage the authorities, who have already stripped him of parliamentary immunity and opened multiple investigations into him, to arrest him.

Tens of thousands of people marched in Caracas in support of Guaido on Tuesday, clashing with riot police along the main Francisco Fajardo thoroughfare. A National Guard armored

"They negotiated for a long time on the means of restoring democracy but it seems that today they are not going forward."

Elliott Abrams, U.S. envoy for Venezuela

is ours: the people and Armed Forces united."

National Assembly leader Guaido invoked the constitution to assume an interim presidency in January, arguing that Maduro's re-election in 2018 was illegitimate. But Maduro has held on, despite economic chaos, most Western countries backing Guaido, increased U.S. sanctions, and huge protests by Venezuela's opposition.

Tuesday's move was Guaido's boldest effort yet to persuade the military to rise up against Maduro. If it fails, it could be seen as evidence that he lacks sufficient supcar slammed into protesters who were throwing stones and hitting the

Thirty-six people were injured in the incidents, most of them hit with pellets or rubber bullets, said Doctor Maggi Santi of the Salud Chacao health center in eastern

Maduro, a former bus driver who took office after the death of political mentor President Hugo Chavez in 2013, said he had spoken with military leaders and that they had shown him "their total

"Nerves of steel!" Maduro wrote on Twitter. "I

call for maximum popular mobilization to assure the victory of peace. We

Oil prices topped \$73 before easing, partly driven higher by the uncertainty in Venezuela, an OPEC member whose oil exports have been hit by the U.S. sanctions and an economic crisis.

Guaido, in a video on his Twitter account, was accompanied by men in military uniform and leading opposition politician Leopoldo Lopez, a surprise public appearance for a man who has been under house arrest since 2017.

Chile's foreign min-ister said later Tuesday that Lopez and his family had entered Chile's diplomatic residence.

U.S. ROLE

Venezuela is mired in a deep economic crisis despite its vast oil reserves. Shortages of food and medicine have prompted more than 3 million Venezuelans to emigrate in recent years.

The slump has worsened this year, with large areas of territory left in the dark for days at a time by power outages.

"My mother doesn't have medicine, my economic situation is terrible, my family has had to emigrate. We don't earn enough money. We have no security. But we are hopeful, and I think that this is the beginning of the end of this regime," said Jose Madera, 42, a mechanic, sitting atop his motorbike in a protest on Tuesday.

The White House declined to comment on whether Washington had been consulted or had advance knowledge of what Guaido was planning.





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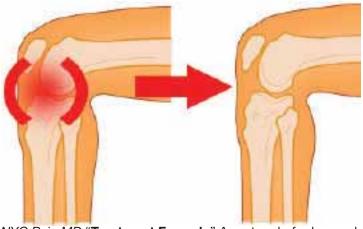
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Facebook announces privacy-focused redesign; critics call out potential pitfalls

Meanwhile, the company faces a new investigation by the New York state attorney general.



Facebook announced a significant redesign on Tuesday, rolling out features geared toward privacy in response to years of scandals over its handling of private user data and status as a vehicle for Russian election interference. But critics say the new features could cause problems of their own.

Dubbed FB5, the redesign is the platform's biggest in half a decade. Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced the new features at the company's annual developer conference. Among them:

a cleaner look; a bigger focus on private groups and events; a "Meet New Friends" function; and a dating app. Facebook's disappearing Stories will be promoted, and News Feed broadcasting de-emphasized.

"The future is private," said Zuckerberg. "Over time, I believe that a private social platform will be even more important to our lives than our digital town squares."

The company said some of Facebook's new features would be immediately apparent, and some would be rolled out in the coming months.

'Now look, I get that a lot of people aren't sure we're serious about this,' Zuckerberg said. "We don't exactly have the strongest reputation on privacy right now, to put it lightly. But I'm committed to doing this well and starting a new chapter for our product.



Mark Zuckerberg.

"We believe that for the future, people want a privacy-focused social platform," he added.

Facebook has been in a PR tailspin for years. In early 2017, reports surfaced that Russia extensively used the platform to interfere in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. Kremlin-backed hackers created fake profiles, groups and events, and

disseminated and amplified false news stories to sow discord among the electorate and harm Hillary Clinton's candidacy.

The company has also been buffeted by waves of negative headlines about its handling of private user data. In March 2018, it was reported that data-mining company Cambridge Analytica harvested personal informa-

tion from 87 million Facebook users without their consent. In November 2018, The New York Times reported that Zuckerberg and Facebook COO Sheryl Sandberg slow-walked security upgrades to the platform and attempted to discredit the company's critics. The next month, the Times reported that Facebook gave tech companies - including Spotify, Netflix and Microsoft - access to Facebook users' personal data, including private messages.

Facebook's now expecting a \$5 billion FCC fine.

Reports of privacy violations surfaced as late as last week. On April 25, New York State Attorney General Letitia James announced that her office would open an investigation into allegations that Facebook improperly harvested the email address books of 1.5 million users without their consent, using it to target advertising.

Critics warned Tuesday that the new features may not be as benevolent as advertised. They pointed out that hate speech, misinformation and political interference spread in private groups will be less accountable to the press, fact-checking and law enforcement.

> "The future is private. Over time, I believe that a private social platform will be even more important to our lives than our digital town squares." Mark Zuckerberg, Facebook CEO

"Not to overreact, but this is terrifying," tweeted NBC News internet reporter Brandy Zadrozny.



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Booze ads banned on city property

New Yorkers will no longer see alcohol ads posted on bus shelters, newsstands, phone booths and any other faces of city-owned property.

"There's no doubt

that far too many New Yorkers struggle with serious substance misuse issues, among them excessive drinking," said NYC Mayor de Blasio in a statement. "This order banning alcohol ads from city property reaffirms our commitment to health equity and our stand to protect the wellbeing of all New Yorkers.'

The mayor signed an executive order implementing the ban, which will affect all new and renewed contracts for advertising on cityowned property. Ads that are already posted can remain until their respective contracts expire, but future ads on city property will include a provision barring "advertisements, sponsorship or branding" of alcohol products.

The order does not ap-



ply to private property like stores, venues, bars, restaurants or establishments with licenses to sell alcohol.

"In New York City, we see far too many deaths related to alcohol," Health Commissioner Dr. Oxiris Barbot said on NYC.gov. "We know exposure to alcohol advertising can lead to drinking more alcohol, more often - behavior that can be harmful and even fatal. Today's ban of alcohol ads on city property will help protect communities from the burden of harmful alcohol advertising."

A 2017 study released by the New York Academy of Medicine found rectly linked to greater consumption, especially amongst young people.

"The earlier young people begin drinking, the greater their likelihood of developing alcohol use disorders in adulthood. Studies also find that young people who drink are also more vulnerable to the impact of advertisements than adults, with 15- to 20-year-olds most susceptible," the study found.

The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene reported that in 2016, there were more than 110,000 alcohol-related emergency department visits in New York City, and nearly 2,000 New Yorkers died from alcohol-attributable causes, such as liver disease, driving fatalities, and liver and esophageal and other alcohol-related cancers. Studies showed that East Harlem had the highest rate of alcoholrelated hospitalizations, more than five times that of the Upper East Side.

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Bryan Cranston, 'Hadestown' score top Tony nominations

The musical led all shows with 14 nominations.

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Bryan Cranston, Annette Bening and Laurie Metcalf were among top nominees for Broadway's Tony awards on Tuesday, with musical "Hadestown" leading all shows with 14 nods.

Cranston was nominated for an adaptation of the movie "Network," along with Jeff Daniels for "To Kill a Mockingbird," but neither show received a best play nomination.

Bening was recognized for "Arthur Miller's All My Sons," while two-time Tony winner Metcalf was nominated for her role as Hillary Clinton in "Hillary and Clinton."

Other best musi-

cal nominees were "Ain't Too Proud - The Life and Times of the Temptations," "Beetlejuice," "The Prom" and Tootsie."

Best play nominees were led by "The Ferryman" with nine nominations, "Choir Boy,"
"Gary: A Sequel to Titus
Andronicus," "Ink" and
"What the Constitution Means to Me.

With only two musical revivals all season, both "Rodgers & Hammerstein's homa!" and "Kiss Me, Kate" were nominated for best revival, with "Kate"'s Kelli O'Hara cited for lead actress in a musical.

Best play revival nominees included "All My Sons," "The Boys in the Band," "Burn This," "Torch Song" and "The Waverly Gallery," which

nomination for veteran Elaine May.

May was joined by Laura Donnelly in "The Ferryman," Janet McT-eer in "Bernhardt/Hamlet" and Heidi Schreck for "What the Constitution Means to Me" along with Bening and Metcalf.

Left out was Glenda Jackson, who last year capped a return to Broadway after three decades with a best actress win for "Three Tall Women," in the title role in "King Lear."

Other best actor in a play nominees were Adam Driver in "Burn This," Jeremy Pope in "Choir Boy" and Paddy Considine in "The Ferryman," Jez Butterworth's epic tale of a multigenerational Northern Irish family and the IRA dur-



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The cast during the Broadway opening night performance curtain call for "Hadestown" at the Walter Kerr Theatre. GETTY

ing "the Troubles" of the early 1980s.

Best musical actor nominees were Brooks Ashmanskas in "The Prom," Alex Brightman for "Beetlejuice," Damon Daunno in "Oklahoma!", "Tootsie"'s Santino Fontana and Derrick Baskin for "Ain't Too Proud," which won a total of 12 nominations.

Joining O'Hara for best musical actress were Stephanie J. Block for "The Cher Show," Caitlin Kinnunen and Beth Leavel in "The Prom," and Eva Noblezada for "Hadestown."

Among top stars appearing on Broadway, Ethan Hawke, Nathan Lane, Jim Parsons, Keri Russell, Kerry Washington, Daniel Radcliffe, Bobby Cannavale and John Lithgow went unnominated.

Veteran stage actress

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Cancer Make a move or a change for the right reasons, not because someone is pressuring you to do so. Keep your plans secret until you are well on your way to achieving your goal.



Capricorn Keep everyone guessing. Don't feel that you must reveal your plans. Take the initiative to make improvements that promote better health, vitality and a new look, attitude or image.



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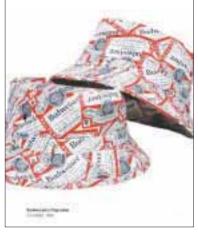


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Before the Instagram era, there were already collections that featured logos. The beer brand and Supreme did it in Spring/Summer 2009 with apparel including T-shirts, tank tops, button-ups and accessories like bucket hats, duffel bags, tote bags and snapbacks. This collection became fashionable several years later.





TOSHIO MAEDA X **SUPREME**

The erotic-manga artist from Japan, who was prolific in the 1980s and '90s, made a collection with Supreme in 2015. The so-called NSFW Capsule Collection mostly included hoodies and T-shirts, as well as cushions and other basic items. The godfather of the hentai genre, who has also collaborated with Playboy, created this odd collection, with each piece costing \$75 on average.

CROCS X BALENCIAGA

Many still do not believe that the brand that once changed fashion with the original spirit of Cristóbal Balenciaga, elements of flamenco and the Catholic religion, has come to this. But luxury brands know what can make an impact and know how to do it. To begin with, the hated shoes had already been used by Christopher Kane in 2015, and then in 2016 were featured at London Fashion Week. The Crocs x Balenciaga collaboration was released for Fall/Winter 2018 and cost more than a \$1,000 a pair. The collection sold out despite the buzz it caused on the social media.





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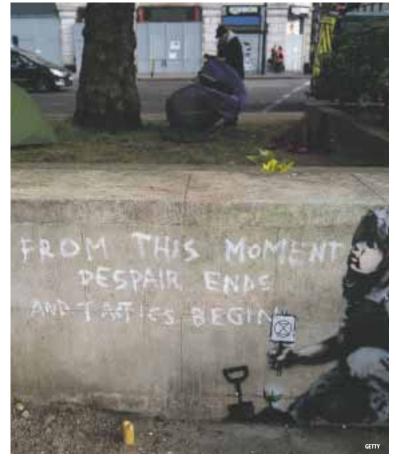
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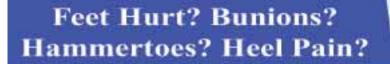
NEW STREET ART APPEARS IN LONDON

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Effect of a higher down payment Calculating how different down payments would affect a monthly mortgage payment is eve-opening. Some lenders require only 3 percent down for conventional home loans, which makes getting in the door easier but means assuming more debt than with higher down payments. Many borrowers ask if they should scrape together a little more, such as 5 percent versus 3 percent, says Rick Bechtel, head of U.S. residential lending at TD Bank. But that probably wouldn't make enough difference in the monthly mortgage payment to justify doing so if it left you strapped, he

But a higher down payment can make a significant difference if it means lowering or avoiding mortgage insurance. The insurance, which can involve upfront and monthly fees, protects the lender if the borrower defaults. Depending on the type of loan, making a higher down payment may eliminate some of

that expense, if not all of it. Kristin Phillips, a Tampa, Florida, psychologist and author of The Debt Shrink blog, says she and her husband, Brandon, couldn't put down the traditional 20 percent, but they wanted to put down more than the minimum when they bought a home in 2013.

Borrow with care When deciding on down payment size, consider its effect on other aspects of your financial plan.

Twenty-nine percent of homeowners ages 21 to 34 borrowed from retirement accounts to help fund down payments, according to the Bank of the West's 2018 Millennial Study.

But the decision to do so shouldn't be taken lightly. Borrowing from a 401(k) is particularly risky. After a job loss, the loan must be repaid by the next tax filing deadline or it's taxed as

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dinary income, with a 10 percent penalty if the withdrawal is taken before age 59.5.

Using a Roth IRA to boost a down payment is a better option, says Aaron Clarke, a certified financial planner and wealth adviser at Halpern Financial in Ashburn, Virginia. There are no taxes or penalties on withdrawals of contributions. First-time homebuyers who have contributed to a Roth for at least five years can withdraw up to \$10,000 of earnings on the contributions, and penalty-free. But Linda Rogers, a certified financial planner and owner of Planning Within Reach in Memphis, Tennessee, says she doesn't recommend borrowing from retirement savings. Many people are behind

on saving anyway, she says, and borrowing from an IRA means losing tax-free growth.

Expect the unexpected Thirty-four percent of recent first-time buyers say

they no longer felt financially secure after buying their current home, according to NerdWallet's 2019 Home Buyer Report, based in part on a survey of 2,029 adults by The Harris Poll for NerdWallet.

To maintain security, resist draining your savings for the down payment and closing costs. Leave some for emergencies, such as a car breakdown.

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Trotz, Islanders staying calm amidst 0-2 deficit to Hurricanes

The Islanders head to Carolina to face the Hurricanes for Game 3 of their playoff series tonight.



Calm, cool, collected, as-

That's the feeling around the New York Islanders locker room despite facing an 0-2 hole after dropping both home games at the Barclays Center in their second-round playoff series against the Carolina Hurricanes.

Those first two games in Brooklyn featured just one Islanders goal, which technically didn't even come off their own stick as Mathew Barzal's pass in front of Petr Mrazek's net was deflected in by Hurricanes defenseman Jaccob Slavin.

The offensive struggles have not come without their tantalizing

There have been goals by Barzal, Ryan Pulock, Jordan Eberle and Devon Toews disallowed dur-ing the series and there were three posts hit in the third period of Game 2 alone as the Islanders tried to scramble back



from a 2-1 deficit.

That's just the way the puck bounces, sometimes - a harsh reality that the Islanders have easily accepted over the past few days.

Now they're using it as fuel for the fire as they prepare for Game 3 tonigĥt in Carolina.

"That's the way it goes sometimes," veteran winger Josh Bailey said following Game 2. "It could be 2-0 us, it could be 1-1. Unfortunately, it's 0-2. We can't get down

on ourselves. We still feel good about our group and have confidence that we can turn this thing around.'

The lack of panic derives from head coach Barry Trotz, who continues to keep his rather inexperienced squad levelheaded throughout the adversity.

"Your initial emotion after a game where you feel like you played well enough to win the hockey game and you don't, I think there's some frus-

tration for a few minutes and then I think confidence grows out of that and you go, 'You know what? We're fine. Just play our game and we'll win the series," Trotz said. "We dug ourselves a hole. We've been resilient all year."

The Islanders have not lost three consecutive games all year and Trotz doesn't plan on seeing it happen for the first time tonight.

'We're going to Carolina to win two games, plain and simple," he told reporters on Monday. "You can't win two unless you focus on the first, so we'll focus on the first and go from there."

Historically speaking, teams that have taken a 2-0 playoff series lead have gone on to advance 87.2 percent of the time. That leaves the Islanders with a skinny 12.8 percent chance to come back from this deficit.

Luckily for the Islanders, Trotz has already done this once, leading the Washington Capitals back from an 0-2 hole last year in the Eastern Conference first round against the Columbus Blue Jackets.

The eventual Stanley Cup champions also dropped those first two games at home.

New York will head to Raleigh to meet back up with a Hurricanes team which is plenty hobbled. The unsolvable Mrazek, along with defenseman Trevor van Riemsdyk and forwards Jordan Marti-nook, Michael Ferland, Andrei Svechnikov, and Saku Maenalanen, are all nursing injuries.

A shorthanded Carolina side with backup goalie Curtis McElhinney, who stopped all 16 Islanders shots in relief of Mrazek in Game 2 his first appearance in 22 games — could be ripe for the picking should the Islanders recapture their scoring touch.

"You've got to respond and you've got to dig in. We have another level,' Trotz said, per the New York Post. "There are York Post. "There are some players on our team that have another level of focus, another level of commitment — all those things, that's necessary to win. You can't have any passengers. We're going to have to go in there fully committed, and if we do that, it gives ourselves a chance to have success."

Report: KD to get MSG show if he signs with Knicks

The second round of the NBA Playoffs won't stop the towering inferno that is the rumor of Kevin Durant possibly joining the New York Knicks this summer.

As Durant and the Golden State Warriors try to navigate their way past the Houston Rockets, industry sources told Marc Berman of the New York Post that the 10-time All-Star would host his own show on MSG Network.

The Knicks have been linked with Durant for the better part of the last year as an abundance of salary-cap space will ensure they might have

room for two max-salary contracts within their roster next year.

New York has also been rumored to be in on Kyrie Irving to create a dynamic duo at Madison Square Garden.

Should they be awarded with the No. 1 pick in the 2019 NBA Draft, Duke star Zion Williamson will also be added to the mix.

It will fast-forward a rebuild that has been stuck in neutral for the better part of the last two decades but hit new lows this year both on and off the court.

After tying a fran-chise record with 65

losses this season, MSG Network experienced a 38 percent drop in ratings, per the Sports Business Journal.

That really shouldn't be news considering New Yorkers, especially the casual fan, will always have better things to do than watching one of the worst teams in Knicks franchise history.

Durant — who owns his own production company in Thirty Five Media — already hosts a show on ESPN called "The Boardroom," which offers a behind-thescenes look at the business aspect of sports.



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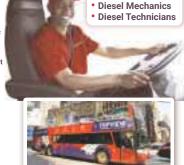
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